

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Gibson on February 18, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace Claim 49 with:

49. A monitoring device for a space that is to be monitored for entry of at least one body via an access area comprising:

a plurality of light field regions comprising a plurality of light fields, each of the light fields including:

at least one emitting element which introduces luminous radiation into the access area; and at least one receiving element which receives the luminous radiation, wherein at least one light guide is associated with the emitting element, said light guide emitting the luminous radiation into the access area as a one of the plurality of light fields transversely to a longitudinal direction of the at least one light guide; and

wherein at a receiving end, at least one light guide is provided as a detecting element for detecting the one of the plurality of light fields transversely to the longitudinal direction of the at

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least one light guide at the receiving end and as transmitting means for transmitting the light out of the light field to the receiving element,

wherein at least two light field regions arranged at an angle to one another cross within the access area, and

wherein each light field region comprises at least two light fields which are arranged one above the other.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEPHEN YAM whose telephone number is (571)272-2449. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571)272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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